

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1. A portable communication device, comprising:  
2           an input unit adapted to receive information and including a first  
3           coupling portion; and  
4           an output unit adapted to provide information and including a second  
5           coupling portion,  
6           wherein the first and second coupling portions are adapted such that  
7           the output unit is: (i) positionable with respect to the input unit, and (ii)  
8           rotatable about at least a first axis and a second axis.
- 1           2. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the input  
2           unit is further rotatable about a third axis.
- 1           3. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the first and  
2           second coupling portions comprise a single pivot point.
- 1           4. The portable communication device of claim 3, wherein the first and  
2           second coupling portions comprise a ball joint.
- 1           5. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the first and  
2           second coupling portions comprise at least one of: (i) a bendable portion, and  
3           (ii) an arm portion.

1           6. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the output  
2 unit is closable with respect to the input unit.

1           7. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the output  
2 unit is conductively coupled to the input unit.

1           8. The portable communication device of claim 7, wherein the output  
2 unit is conductively coupled to the input unit via at least one spring contact.

1           9. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the output  
2 unit is not conductively coupled to the input unit.

1           10. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the output  
2 unit is removable from the input unit.

1           11. The portable communication device of claim 10, wherein the input  
2 unit and the output unit are adapted to communicate with each other  
3 wirelessly.

1           12. The portable communication device of claim 10, wherein the  
2 output unit communicates with the input unit: (i) via a conductive path when  
3 not removed from the input unit, and (ii) via a wireless path when removed  
4 from the input unit.

1           13. The portable communication device of claim 12, wherein the  
2 second coupling portion comprises:  
3           a plurality of contact points adapted to make contact with contact points  
4 on the first coupling portion; and  
5           a positionable and rotatable portion between the plurality of contact  
6 points and an output portion of the output unit.

1           14. The portable communication device of claim 12, wherein the first  
2 coupling portion comprises:  
3           a plurality of contact points adapted to make contact with contact points  
4 on the second coupling portion; and  
5           a positionable and rotatable portion between the plurality of contact  
6 points and an input portion of the input unit.

1           15. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the  
2 portable communication device comprises at least one of: (i) a portable digital  
3 assistant, (ii) a wireless telephone, (iii) a two-way pager.

1           16. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the input  
2 unit includes at least one of: (i) a keyboard, (ii) a keypad, (iii) a digital camera  
3 lens, (iv) a digital video camera lens, (v) a scanner, (vi) a thermometer, (vii) a  
4 microphone, and (viii) a communication device.

1           17. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the output  
2 unit includes at least one of: (i) a display, (ii) a speaker, (iii) a printer, (iv) a  
3 tactile device, and (v) a communication device.

1 18. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the input  
2 unit is further adapted to provide at least some information.

1 19. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the output  
2 unit is further adapted to receive at least some information.

1 20. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein a user can  
2 activate the input unit to determine information associated with the location of  
3 the output unit.

1 21. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein a user can  
2 activate the output unit to determine information associated with the location  
3 of the input unit.

1 22. The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 a charging device adapted to charge power devices in both the input  
3 unit and the output unit.

1 23. The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 a docking device adapted to exchange information between the  
3 portable communication device and another computing device.

1           24. A portable digital assistant, comprising:  
2           a keypad unit including a first power device and a first coupling portion;  
3           a display unit including a second power device and a second coupling  
4           portion,  
5           wherein the first and second coupling portions include joint adapted  
6           such that the display unit is: (i) positionable with respect to the keypad unit,  
7           and (ii) rotatable about a first axis, a second axis, and a third axis, and further  
8           wherein the display unit is removable from the keypad unit, and the  
9           keypad unit and the display unit communicate wirelessly when removed from  
10          each other; and  
11          a charging device coupled to one of the keypad unit and the display  
12          unit and adapted to charge the first and second power devices.

1           25. A portable communication device, comprising:  
2           an input unit adapted to receive information and including a first  
3           coupling portion; and  
4           an output unit adapted to provide information and including a second  
5           coupling portion, wherein the first and second coupling portions are adapted  
6           such that the input unit is: (i) positionable with respect to the output unit, and  
7           (ii) rotatable about at least a first axis and a second axis.

1           26. An input unit for a portable communication device, comprising:  
2           an input portion adapted to receive information; and  
3           a first coupling portion, wherein the first coupling portion is adapted to  
4           work with a second coupling portion associated with an output unit such that

- 5 the output unit is: (i) positionable with respect to the input unit, and (ii)
- 6 rotatable about at least a first axis and a second axis.

- 1 27. An output unit for a portable communication device, comprising:
- 2 an output portion adapted to provide information; and
- 3 a first coupling portion, wherein the first coupling portion is adapted to
- 4 work with a second coupling portion associated with an input unit such that
- 5 the output unit is: (i) positionable with respect to the input unit, and (ii)
- 6 rotatable about at least a first axis and a second axis.

- 1 28. A portable communication device, comprising:
- 2 an input unit adapted to receive information;
- 3 an output unit adapted to provide information; and
- 4 detachable coupling means for allowing the output unit to be: (i)
- 5 positionable with respect to the input unit, and (ii) rotatable about at least a
- 6 first axis and a second axis.